

Community Pathways Waiver

Service Type: Other

Service (Name):

Alternative Service Title: **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**
(Previously- Community Learning Services)

HCBS Taxonomy:

Check as applicable

- ☐ Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- ☒ Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- ☐ Service is not included in the approved waiver.

Service Definition:

- A. Community Development Services help individuals learn new skills and keep the skills they currently have related to their individual goals and outcomes. Services provides individuals with opportunities to engage in community based activities that support building social connections (capital), socialization, life-long learning, recreation, and personal development for the purpose of:
1. Building and strengthening relationships with others in the local community who are not paid to be with the individual; and
 2. Learning, practicing, and applying skills that promote greater independence and inclusion in their community.
- B. Community Development Services can also be used as supports for individuals as a retirement support based on the aging process.

SERVICE REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Community Development Services is a day service.
- B. Community Development Services can be provided in a variety of settings in the community and includes volunteering.
- C. Community Development Services shall include formal strategies for teaching techniques so the individual can achieve their intended outcome.
- D. Community Development Services are intended to be different and separate from residential services with the exception of retirement services.
- E. Community Development Services are meant to provide intensive support to help individuals become independent and be engaged in their community without ongoing staff support.
- F. Each individual will have an individual activity schedule based on their preferences, interested, and choice that supports integration in and access to the community. Activity plans must be updated and corrected based on actual activity.

- G. A person centered plan may include a mix of employment and day related waiver services such as Day Habilitation, Transitional Employment Services, Employment Discovery and Customization, and Supported Employment provided at different times.
- H. Service may be provided in groups of no more than four (4) individuals with developmental disabilities, all of whom have similar interests and goals as outlined in their person-centered plan except in the case of self-advocacy groups.
- I. Transportation to and from the day activities will be provided or arranged by the licensed provider and funded through the rate system. The licensee shall use the mode of transportation which achieves the least costly, and most appropriate, means of transportation for the individual with priority given to the use of public transportation when appropriate.
- J. Community Development Services may include professional services not otherwise available under the individual's private health insurance (if applicable), the Medicaid State Plan, or through other resources.
- K. A retirement plan should estimate what the individual will do and where the individual spends their time. Some of their time can be in their home and some doing typical community activities their peers who are also retired are doing. The schedule should be fluid and very general for retirement to offer flexibility.

Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:

Community Development Services are provided Monday through Friday only.

Community Development Services may not exceed a maximum of eight (8) hours per day (including other Transitional Employment, Employment Discovery and Customization and Day Habilitation services).

Service Delivery Method (check each that applies)

- ☒ Participant Directed as specified in Appendix E
- ☒ Provider Managed

Specify whether the service may be provided by (check all that applies):

- ☐ Legally Responsible Person
- ☐ Relative
- ☐ Legal Guardian

Provider Specifications: (Instructions list the following for each type of provider that can deliver the services):

| Provider Category | Provider Type Title |
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| Individual | Individual – for self-directed services |
| Agency | DDA Certified Community Development Supports Provider |

Provider Category: Individual

Provider Type: Individual for self-directed services

Provider Qualifications License (specify):

License (specify):

Certificate (specify):

Other Standard (specify):

1. Individuals in self-directing services, as the employer, determine staff specific requirements and may require additional provider requirements based on their preferences and level of needs such as:
 - a. Current first aid and CPR training and certification
 - b. Training by individual/family on individual-specific information (including preferences, positive behavior supports, when needed, and disability-specific information)
 - c. Passing a criminal background investigation
 - d. Signing a self-directed provider agreement verifying qualifications and articulating expectations
2. Unlicensed staff paid to administer medication and/or perform treatments must be certified by the Maryland Board of Nursing (MBON) as Medication Technicians.

Verification of Provider Qualifications Entity

Responsible for Verification:

- Fiscal Management Service providers for verification of participant specific qualifications

Frequency of Verification:

- Fiscal Management Services - prior to service delivery

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| Provider Category: Agency |
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Provider Type: DDA Certified Community Development Supports Provider

Provider Qualifications License (specify):

License (specify):

Certificate (specify):

DDA Certified Community Development Supports Provider

Other Standard (specify):

Staff must possess appropriate licenses/certifications as required by law based on service provided and needs of the individual at time of service.

Verification of Provider Qualifications Entity

Responsible for Verification:

- DDA for license

- Provider for staff licenses, certifications, and training

Frequency of Verification:

- DDA – annual for license
- Provider – prior to service delivery

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